

REMARKS

The remarks presented herein are in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005.

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 between two patentably distinct species.

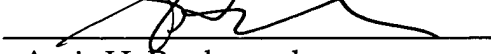
Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute in this patent application the subject matter of Claims 1-41. The Applicants cancel, without prejudice, Claims 42-49. Applicants reserve the right to introduce the subject matter of Claims 42-49 in this or a separate continuation or divisional application.

On the basis of the above amendments, consideration of this application and the early allowance of all claims herein are requested.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the above amendments and remarks, or if the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with Applicant's representative would help to advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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